



San Diego County SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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SYNOPSIS:

On Wednesday October 2, 2019, San Diego County Sheriff's Border Crime Suppression Team detectives conducted a narcotics interdiction operation. At about 2:35 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted for a vehicle equipment violation near the intersection of East L Street and Telegraph Canyon Road in the City of Chula Vista. The vehicle, a 2008 BMW sedan, was being driven by Michael Daniel Gomez (DOB: 01-02-1998). During the stop, a Sheriff's canine indicated to the presence of narcotics. A search of the vehicle was conducted and more than 570 counterfeit Oxycodone Hydrochloride pills and several grams of cocaine were discovered. Gomez was arrested and booked into San Diego County Jail for felony transportation and sales of controlled substances. A search warrant was served at Gomez's home on Claire Avenue in Chula Vista. The search yielded additional counterfeit Oxycodone pills and approximately one ounce of cocaine. The narcotics were estimated to have a street value of more than \$7,500.

Seizures of large quantities of powdered fentanyl and fentanyl pills have become increasingly common in San Diego County. Powdered fentanyl is commonly used to produce counterfeit pharmaceuticals. Law Enforcement in San Diego County regularly encounters counterfeit Oxycodone and Xanax pills which contain fentanyl. These pills are commonly known by their street names which include "Blues" and "M30's". Due to a lack of quality control by the drug suppliers, the fentanyl dosage in the pills can vary and lead to unintentional use and accidental exposure often leading to overdose and death.

Call Crime Stoppers at (888) 580-8477 with information and you will remain anonymous. You can also download the P3 anonymous tip app. You may be eligible for up to a \$1,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest.

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